

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Eastern District of New York

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

Noelle Velentzas

JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

Case Number: 15-CR-0213-SJ-01

USM Number: 85796-053

Sean Michael Maher, 2796 Sedgwick Ave, Bx, NY 10279

Defendant's Attorney

THE DEFENDANT:

☒ pleaded guilty to count(s) Two of a three-count indictment.☐ pleaded nolo contendere to count(s) _____
which was accepted by the court.☐ was found guilty on count(s) _____
after a plea of not guilty.

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

| <u>Title & Section</u> | <u>Nature of Offense</u> | <u>Offense Ended</u> | <u>Count</u> |
|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------|--------------|
| 18USC§§842(p)(2)(A) and 844(a)(2) | Teaching and Distributing Information Pertaining to the Making and Use of an Explosive, Destructive Device, and Weapon of Mass Destruction. | 4/30/2015 | 2 |

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 8 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.☐ The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s) _____☒ Count(s) ALL OPEN ☐ is ☒ are dismissed on the motion of the United States.

It is ordered that the defendant must notify the United States attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and United States attorney of material changes in economic circumstances.

6/16/2021

Date of Imposition of Judgment

signed Sterling Johnson, Jr., U.S.D.J.

Signature of Judge

STERLING JOHNSON, JR., U.S.D.J.

Name and Title of Judge

8/27/2021

Date

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IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of:
One hundred ninety-eight (198) months.

☒ The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:
Designation to either FCI Talahassee or FCI Waseca.

☐ The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.

☐ The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshal for this district:

☐ at _____ ☐ a.m. ☐ p.m. on _____.

☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.

☐ The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons:

☐ before 2 p.m. on _____.

☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.

☐ as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Office.

RETURN

I have executed this judgment as follows:

Defendant delivered on _____ to _____
at _____, with a certified copy of this judgment.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL

By _____
DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL

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SUPERVISED RELEASE

Upon release from imprisonment, you will be on supervised release for a term of:

Three (3) years.

MANDATORY CONDITIONS

1. You must not commit another federal, state or local crime.
2. You must not unlawfully possess a controlled substance.
3. You must refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. You must submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court.
 - ☐ The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that you pose a low risk of future substance abuse. *(check if applicable)*
4. ☐ You must make restitution in accordance with 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663 and 3663A or any other statute authorizing a sentence of restitution. *(check if applicable)*
5. ☐ You must cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. *(check if applicable)*
6. ☐ You must comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (34 U.S.C. § 20901, *et seq.*) as directed by the probation officer, the Bureau of Prisons, or any state sex offender registration agency in the location where you reside, work, are a student, or were convicted of a qualifying offense. *(check if applicable)*
7. ☐ You must participate in an approved program for domestic violence. *(check if applicable)*

You must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as with any other conditions on the attached page.

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As part of your supervised release, you must comply with the following standard conditions of supervision. These conditions are imposed because they establish the basic expectations for your behavior while on supervision and identify the minimum tools needed by probation officers to keep informed, report to the court about, and bring about improvements in your conduct and condition.

1. You must report to the probation office in the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside within 72 hours of your release from imprisonment, unless the probation officer instructs you to report to a different probation office or within a different time frame.
2. After initially reporting to the probation office, you will receive instructions from the court or the probation officer about how and when you must report to the probation officer, and you must report to the probation officer as instructed.
3. You must not knowingly leave the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside without first getting permission from the court or the probation officer.
4. You must answer truthfully the questions asked by your probation officer.
5. You must live at a place approved by the probation officer. If you plan to change where you live or anything about your living arrangements (such as the people you live with), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
6. You must allow the probation officer to visit you at any time at your home or elsewhere, and you must permit the probation officer to take any items prohibited by the conditions of your supervision that he or she observes in plain view.
7. You must work full time (at least 30 hours per week) at a lawful type of employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you do not have full-time employment you must try to find full-time employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you plan to change where you work or anything about your work (such as your position or your job responsibilities), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer at least 10 days in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
8. You must not communicate or interact with someone you know is engaged in criminal activity. If you know someone has been convicted of a felony, you must not knowingly communicate or interact with that person without first getting the permission of the probation officer.
9. If you are arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours.
10. You must not own, possess, or have access to a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or dangerous weapon (i.e., anything that was designed, or was modified for, the specific purpose of causing bodily injury or death to another person such as nunchakus or tasers).
11. You must not act or make any agreement with a law enforcement agency to act as a confidential human source or informant without first getting the permission of the court.
12. If the probation officer determines based on your criminal record, personal history and characteristics, and the nature and circumstances of your offense, you pose a risk to another person (including an organization), the probation officer, with prior approval of the Court, may require you to notify the person about the risk and you must comply with that instruction. The probation officer may contact the person and confirm that you have notified the person about the risk.
13. You must follow the instructions of the probation officer related to the conditions of supervision.

U.S. Probation Office Use Only

A U.S. probation officer has instructed me on the conditions specified by the court and has provided me with a written copy of this judgment containing these conditions. For further information regarding these conditions, see *Overview of Probation and Supervised Release Conditions*, available at: www.uscourts.gov.

Defendant's Signature _____

Date _____

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

The defendant agrees to monitoring by the Probation Department by location monitoring and/or global positioning systems (GPS) (hereinafter collectively referred to as "monitoring"). Such monitoring may include home detention and/or a curfew. The defendant agrees to abide by all technology requirements and all location monitoring and/or GPS policies and procedures. The defendant must pay the costs of monitoring to the degree she is reasonably able. The defendant must disclose all financial information and documents to the Probation Department to assess her ability to pay.

A search condition: The defendant shall submit her person, property, house, residence, vehicle, papers, computers (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1030(e)(1)), other electronic communications or data storage devices or media, or office, to a search conducted by a United States probation officer. Failure to submit to a search may be grounds for revocation of release. The defendant shall warn any other occupants that the premises may be subject to searches pursuant to this condition. An officer may conduct a search pursuant to this condition only when reasonable suspicion exists that the defendant has violated a condition of his supervision and that the areas to be searched contain evidence of this violation. Any search must be conducted at a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner.

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CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

The defendant must pay the total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments on Sheet 6.

| | | | | | |
|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <u>Assessment</u> | <u>Restitution</u> | <u>Fine</u> | <u>AVAA Assessment*</u> | <u>JVTA Assessment**</u> |
| TOTALS | \$ 100.00 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |

☐ The determination of restitution is deferred until _____. An *Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case (AO 245C)* will be entered after such determination.

☐ The defendant must make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.

If the defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment, unless specified otherwise in the priority order or percentage payment column below. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid.

| | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <u>Name of Payee</u> | <u>Total Loss***</u> | <u>Restitution Ordered</u> | <u>Priority or Percentage</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|

| | | | | |
|---------------|----|-------------|----|-------------|
| TOTALS | \$ | <u>0.00</u> | \$ | <u>0.00</u> |
|---------------|----|-------------|----|-------------|

☐ Restitution amount ordered pursuant to plea agreement \$ _____

☐ The defendant must pay interest on restitution and a fine of more than \$2,500, unless the restitution or fine is paid in full before the fifteenth day after the date of the judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f). All of the payment options on Sheet 6 may be subject to penalties for delinquency and default, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g).

☐ The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and it is ordered that:

☐ the interest requirement is waived for the ☐ fine ☐ restitution.

☐ the interest requirement for the ☐ fine ☐ restitution is modified as follows:

* Amy, Vicky, and Andy Child Pornography Victim Assistance Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-299.

** Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-22.

*** Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

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SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties is due as follows:

- A ☒ Lump sum payment of \$ 100.00 due immediately, balance due
- ☐ not later than _____, or
☐ in accordance with ☐ C, ☐ D, ☐ E, or ☐ F below; or
- B ☐ Payment to begin immediately (may be combined with ☐ C, ☐ D, or ☐ F below); or
- C ☐ Payment in equal _____ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ _____ over a period of _____ (e.g., months or years), to commence _____ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after the date of this judgment; or
- D ☐ Payment in equal _____ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ _____ over a period of _____ (e.g., months or years), to commence _____ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment to a term of supervision; or
- E ☐ Payment during the term of supervised release will commence within _____ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment. The court will set the payment plan based on an assessment of the defendant's ability to pay at that time; or
- F ☐ Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during the period of imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of the court.

The defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

☐ Joint and Several

| Case Number Defendant and Co-Defendant Names (including defendant number) | Total Amount | Joint and Several Amount | Corresponding Payee, if appropriate |
|---|--------------|-----------------------------|--|
|---|--------------|-----------------------------|--|

- ☐ The defendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.
- ☐ The defendant shall pay the following court cost(s):
- ☒ The defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:
See Attached Order of Forfeiture.

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) AVAA assessment, (5) fine principal, (6) fine interest, (7) community restitution, (8) JVT A assessment, (9) penalties, and (10) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.

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ADDITIONAL FORFEITED PROPERTY

See attached Order of Forfeiture.

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F. # 2014R00196

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- against -

NOELLE VELENTZAS,

Defendant.

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PRELIMINARY ORDER
OF FORFEITURE

15-CR-213 (SJ)

WHEREAS, on or about August 23, 2019, NOELLE VELENTZAS (the “defendant”), entered a plea of guilty to the offense charged in the Count Two of the above-captioned Indictment, charging a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 842(p)(2)(A); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 981(a)(1)(C) and 981(a)(1)(G), and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), the defendant has consented to the forfeiture of all right, title, and interest to the United States in the following: (1) the items identified in the documents bates-stamped Velentzas 002192-002193 and 002199; (2) the items identified in the documents bates-stamped Siddiqui 000024-000033; (3) cell phone models LG LX370, LG MS323, Siemens model, Nokia model, HTC P4600, Metro PCS 4G 2TE, LG Nexus, Kyocera 3G and a Blackberry device, all seized from 161-33 84th Road, Jamaica, New York, on April 2, 2015; (4) a Sony cybershot camera, Panasonic video camera, memory stick, Metro PCS 2TE with keyboard, Canon SD memory card, and a Western Digital external hard drive, all seized from 161-33 84th Road, Jamaica, New York, on April 2, 2015; (5) cell phone models LG-MS323 Optimus L70, LG 695, LG-MS769, Samsung SCH-R360, Kyocera Presto, and Blackberry

device, all seized from 119-57 Inwood Street, Apartment 2, Jamaica, New York, on April 2, 2015; (6) a SD card and a 500 GB Western Digital Hard Drive, both seized from 119-57 Inwood Street, Apartment 2, Jamaica, New York, on April 2, 2015; (7) any other items seized from 161-33 84th Road, Jamaica, New York and 161-33 84th Road, Jamaica, New York on April 2, 2015, as reflected in photographs bates-stamped Velentzas 002078-002188, Velentzas 002205-002230, and Siddiqui 000645-000747 (collectively, the “Forfeiture Assets”), as: (a) any property, real or personal, constituting or derived from proceeds obtained directly or indirectly as result of the defendant’s violation of 18 U.S.C. § 842(p)(2)(A); (b) pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 844(c)(1), any explosive materials involved or used or intended to be used in any violation of the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 842(p)(2)(A); and/or (c) substitute assets, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, on consent, by and between the United States and the defendant as follows:

1. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 981(a)(1)(C) and 981(a)(1)(G), 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c) and 21 U.S.C. § 853(p), the defendant shall forfeit to the United States all right, title, and interest in the Forfeited Assets.

2. Upon entry of this Preliminary Order of Forfeiture (“Preliminary Order”), the United States Attorney General or his designee is authorized to seize the Forfeited Assets, to conduct any proper discovery, in accordance with Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(3) and (c), and to commence any applicable proceedings to comply with statutes governing third party rights, including giving notice of this Preliminary Order.

3. The United States shall publish notice of this Preliminary Order in accordance with the custom and practice in this district on the government website www.forfeiture.gov, of its intent to dispose of the Forfeited Assets in such a manner as the Attorney General or his designee may direct. The United States may, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known or alleged to have an interest in the Forfeited Assets as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified.

4. Any person, other than the defendant, asserting a legal interest in the Forfeited Assets may, within thirty days (30) of the final publication of notice or receipt of notice or no later than sixty days (60) after the first day of publication on an official government website, whichever is earlier, petition the court for a hearing without a jury to adjudicate the validity of his or her alleged interest in the property, and for an amendment of the order of forfeiture, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(6). Any petition filed in response to notice of the forfeiture of the Forfeited Assets must be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title, or interest in the property, the time and circumstances of the petitioner's acquisition of the right, title, or interest in the property, and any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim, and the relief sought.

5. The defendant shall not file or interpose any claim or assist others to file or interpose any claim to the Forfeited Assets in any administrative or judicial proceeding. The defendant shall fully assist the government in effectuating the surrender and forfeiture of the Forfeited Assets to the United States. The defendant shall take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that clear title to the Forfeited Assets passes to the United

States, including, but not limited to, the execution of any and all documents necessary to effectuate the surrender and forfeiture of the Forfeited Assets to the United States. Further, if any third party files a claim to the Forfeited Assets, the defendant will assist the government in defending such claims. If the Forfeited Assets are not forfeited to the United States, the United States may seek to enforce this Preliminary Order against any other assets of the defendant up to the value of the Forfeited Assets, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p). The defendant further agrees that the conditions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(p)(1)(A)-(E) have been met.

6. The defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives her right to any required notice concerning the forfeiture of the monies and/or properties forfeited hereunder, including notice set forth in an indictment or information. In addition, the defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives her right, if any, to a jury trial on the forfeiture of the monies and/or properties forfeited hereunder, and waives all constitutional, legal and equitable defenses to the forfeiture of same, including, but not limited to, any defenses based on principles of double jeopardy, the Ex Post Facto clause of the Constitution, any applicable statute of limitations, venue, or any defense under the Eighth Amendment, including a claim of excessive fines.

7. Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(4)(A) and (B), this Preliminary Order shall become final as to the defendant at the time of the defendant's sentencing and shall be made part of the defendant's sentence and included in her judgment of conviction. If no third party files a timely claim, this Preliminary Order, together with Supplemental Orders of Forfeiture, if any, shall become the Final Order of Forfeiture, as provided by Fed. R. Crim.

P. 32.2(c)(2). At that time, the monies and/or properties forfeited herein shall be forfeited to the United States for disposition in accordance with the law.

8. The United States alone shall hold title to the Forfeited Assets following the Court's disposition of all third-party interests, or, if none, following the expiration of the period provided in 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(2).

9. The forfeiture of the Forfeited Assets shall not be considered a payment of a fine, penalty, restitution loss amount, or payment of any income taxes that may be due, and shall survive bankruptcy.

10. This Preliminary Order shall be binding upon the defendant and the successors, administrators, heirs, assigns and transferees of the defendant, and shall survive the bankruptcy of any of them.

11. This Preliminary Order shall be binding only upon the Court "so ordering" the Order.

12. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over this action to enforce compliance with the terms of this Preliminary Order, and to amend it as necessary, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(e).

13. The Clerk of the Court is directed to send, by inter-office mail, Three (3) certified copies of this executed Preliminary Order to the United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of New York, Attn: William K. Helwagen, FSA Senior Law Clerk, 271-A Cadman Plaza East, 7th Floor, Brooklyn, New York 11201.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York

Aug. 23, 2019

SO ORDERED:

s/ Sterling Johnson, Jr.

HONORABLE STERLING JOHNSON, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK